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On the Sidelines

Soccer in central New Brunswick is again in the limelight. Stuart McKnight, secretary-treasurer of the Central New Brunswick Soccer League, has sent us the schedule of games to be played. The loop is comprised of Fredericton, Gagetown and Hampstead and the schedule to be run off is as follows:

June 15—Fredericton at Hampstead.
June 22—Gagetown at Fredericton.
June 29—Gagetown at Hampstead.
July 6—Hampstead at Fredericton.
July 13—Fredericton at Gagetown.
July 20—Hampstead at Gagetown.
July 27—Fredericton at Hampstead.
Aug. 3—Gagetown at Fredericton.
Aug. 10—Gagetown at Hampstead.
Aug. 17—Hampstead at Fredericton.
Aug. 24—Fredericton at Gagetown.
Aug. 31—Gagetown at Fredericton.

All games to be played at 6:30 Eastern Standard Time.

Baseball is having a tough show in York and Sunbury Counties, rain having postponed the past couple of scheduled games. Minto is scheduled to meet the Fredericton Pets at Queen's Square diamond this evening and so far the indications are none too favorable. The Marysville-Pets game set for Monday was necessarily set over because of the weather.

Incidentally the big upset of recent days was Marysville's victory over Minto on the latter's home grounds. Bob Estey was in good form. The big Marysville hurler although he hasn't pitched very frequently over the past five years, always turns in good performances and with a better brand of fielding and more ferocity at the bat, he might easily have been one of the leading pitchers in York County.

SPORT SHORTS

100-DASH RECORD

KANSAS CITY, June 12 — Helen Stephens, knocked down ten tenths of a second from the world's 100 metre dash record for women, held by Stella Walsh when she ran the distance in 11.6 here Saturday.

The new record was hung up in a special 100 meter race at the Missouri Valley A. A. U. track and field meet. Five watches caught Miss Stephens in 11.6 and formal application for allowance of the record will be made to A. A. U. officials.

100 HOMERS

BALTIMORE, June 12—Guy Sturdy manager of the Baltimore club has found one person who agrees with him in his prediction that the Orioles' outfield of Abernathy, Puccinelli and Barton should hit 100 home runs this year. George Toporcer, captain of the Syracuse team, is of the same opinion.

Mr. Ruth's withdrawal from the national pastime in a huff is not to be confused with the case of Nova Hercules, the other exploding star.

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EX-CONVICT DESERVES CHANCE, SAYS WRITER

Alabama Pitts Signed to Baseball Contract But His Past May Heckle Him Out.

(By Richards Vidmer)

NEW YORK, June 12—It seems to me that the shafts of scorn aimed at W. G. Bramham, the Judge Landis of the minor leagues, when he ruled against allowing the Albany club to sign Alabama Pitts to a baseball contract, were pointed in the wrong direction.

While the Albany club and its officials were publicly praised for their altruistic attempt to give the ex-convict a new start in life, actually they are the ones who have hurt his chances most. At least so far as baseball is concerned. By their money-hungry efforts to capitalize his prison record they have just about foredoomed his baseball future.

If they were sincere in their belief that Pitts is a good enough ball player to help the eighth-place team, or even if they were motivated simply by charitable intentions to give the boy a chance to earn an honest living, they might, at least, have refrained from using sideshow tactics.

Instead of broadcasting the fact that they were signing the famous Alabama Pitts, highly publicized petit-larcenist, recent graduate from Sing Sing, it would have been much better for Pitts himself if they had announced merely that they had obtained the services of Johnny Jones, a free agent from Ossining. Plenty of men in baseball are doing all right under assumed names, including Al Szymanski, Anthony Pietruszka and Cornelius McGillicuddy, to mention only a few.

And though many have heard of Alabama Pitts through his athletic achievements behind prison walls during the last five years there would have been small chance of his being recognized, at least until he had established himself. Most of those who knew him by sight won't be going to baseball games for several years, if ever again. In fact, until the Albany club attracted nation-wide attention to him, the general public had a vague notion that Pitts was a negro.

Bramham was criticized when he ruled against the signing of Pitts by the Albany club. Lines of indignation were penned and typographical tears were shed. It was charged that baseball was persecuting Pitts, just because he had a prison record. But, looking just a little way into the future, you must realize that Bramham's decision was the most humane thing he could have done.

He said that Pitts wouldn't be allowed to play, "for the good of professional baseball." What about the good of Alabama Pitts? If Albany hadn't been so eager to commercialize the fact that he is an ex-convict the boy might have had a chance; advertising the fact practically ruined the opportunity so magnanimously offered him to make an honest living out of baseball.

The fans, knowing his past, probably would be lenient at first. They would cheer him along. But, once the novelty of seeing an ex-convict wore off, the morbid-minded would-be-wits in the stands would show no mercy. And two in a row for Alabama Pitts. Every ball player has his bad days who went to jail for robbing a store, would bring him down insults to drive him back again, charged with a more serious crime.

Since the publicity resulting from Albany's offer and Bramham's ruling, Pitts has received other proposals. Maybe the others want him because he is a great athlete. If so let them sign him quietly, without any publicity fireworks and under another name. He deserves an honest chance.

Bill Cissell With Portland Beavers

PORTLAND, Ore., June 12—Bill Cissell, former major league infielder, will endeavor to lift the Portland Beavers out of the second division where they have been travelling most of the season. He was named manager of the club when Buddy Ryan, a veteran pilot in the league, resigned following a double defeat handed the Beavers by the Hollywood club. Cissell came to Portland this season from the Boston Red Sox, who obtained him from Cleveland. He has been hitting well over .300 for the Beavers and his fielding has been sensational.

LEFTY GROVE AND WES FERRELL WIN FOR RED SOX

Sox Take Both Games of Double-Header From Detroit — Al Simmons Snaps Out of Batting Slump With Five Hits, Including Two Homers.

NEW YORK, June 11—Boston Red Sox turned in some snappy fielding and timely hitting behind Robert (Lefty) Grove and Wesley Ferrell at Detroit today to take both ends of a doubleheader from the Tigers, 3-1, and 5-2.

Grove, the old "fireball" pitcher, turned in a five-hit performance in the first game to beat "Lefty" Joe Sullivan and his teammate Ferrell pitched another five hitter in the after-piece to get the decision over Alvin Crowder.

The White Sox divided a doubleheader with Washington before 10,000 fans today, winning the second game 9-3 after losing the free-hitting opener 9-8.

Al Simmons snapped out of the protracted slump that had tumbled his average to .250, to lead the Chicagoans' clouting with five hits, including a homer with the bases filled in the first game, and a homer with two on in the second game.

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NEW YORK, N. Y., June 11—At a cost of 65 cents postage charges, the Jonkher diamond arrived yesterday on the United States liner President Roosevelt. The 726-carat gem, largest uncut diamond in the world, was insured for \$1,000,000, but transported from England in an ordinary registered mail sack. Shippers received only \$9.60 in postal insurance.

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Champion Has Never Been Knocked Out—Braddock's Record Is Less Impressive.

NEW YORK, June 12—Max Baer, in his comparatively short career, has engaged in 48 professional fights, according to the record book, which does not list innumerable exhibition bouts and other appointments of the champion in the last six years. Max has never been knocked out and has never figured in a draw decision; 31 of his fights have ended in knockouts and he has won 10 by decision. Seven times the officials called him the loser.

Baer has won his last 12 fights and, only 26 years old, he still is on the up-grade. He has the most complete faith in his ability to maintain the skein of victories at Jimmy Braddock's expense tomorrow night.

Among his knockout victims the champion has numbered Primo Carnera (to win the championship last June), Max Schmeling, former champion; King Levinsky, in an exhibition bout last Dec., Tuffy Griffiths, Walter Cobb, Paul Swiderski, Tom Heeney, Jose Santa, monumental South American; K. O. Christener, Frankie Campbell and Les Kennedy. His decisions have been scored over such notables as Schaaf, Levinsky (twice), once over the 20-round route; Heeney, Johnny Risko and Arthur DeKuh.

Tommy Loughran, in 1931, gave Max one of the most amazing boxing lessons ever administered, and even Baer says "I haven't laid a glove on him yet." Others who have taken the decision from Baer were Risko, Schaaf, Kennedy and Paulino Uzcudun, in 20 rounds in 110-degree heat at Reno four years ago.

Jim Braddock, Baer's challenger for the championship, has been employed at the trade of punching for nine years and has fought 81 times. His record is not as impressive as Baer's. He has knocked out 26 foes and has won 23 bouts by decision. Twenty times has the decision gone against the big Irishman. He was knocked out once. Four fights have been draws, five no-decision encounters and two labelled "no contest."

Listed among his knockout victims are Jimmy Slattery (stylish fighter of Buffalo), Tuffy Griffiths (when Tuffy was top-heavy betting favorite), Jack Roper, Al Stillman and Coen Griffin. His decisions have been over John Henry Lewis, Art Lasky, Swiderski, Pete Latzo and Chester Matan, among others. Lou Scozza is given credit for a knockout victory over Braddock, and the challenger drew with George La Rocco, Joe Monte (twice) and Nado Tassi.

Along with Baer, Braddock is listed among the pupils of Loughran. It was back in 1929 when Loughran, then light-heavyweight champ of the world, taught Braddock the finer points of boxing without letting Jim hit him. Others who have beaten Braddock are Joe Sekyra, Leo Lomski, Yale Okun, Maxie Rosenbloom, Ernie Schaaf, John Henry Lewis, Tom Patrick, Hans Birnie and Charley Retzlaff.

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BIG ALL-STAR MAJOR LEAGUE GAME GIVEN BACK TO PLAYERS

Players Elect Team This Year Instead of Fans; Comment on Which Players Will Be Picked For All-Star Game July 8.

The allstar game, set for Cleveland Stadium July 8, has been given back to the ball players. This year the managers of the sixteen major league clubs, and not the fans, will select their representatives to the annual classic, and from the respective squads of twenty each, Managers Frankie Frisch of the Cardinals and Mickey Cochrane of the Tigers, rival pilots for the affair will pick the starting and finishing line-ups.

Thus, this year the duties of the fans will consist of simply laying it on the line and looking on. It is not a bad idea. The new program does away with a lot of unnecessary balloting, and now that the game is an established success the ballyhoo to be derived from centering attention on daily columns of votes is not worth space. And were always apparent from the first few hundred nominations.

Nor will the usurpation of the public's prerogatives by the managers occasion much of a change in the respective line-ups. For the most part the men whom the majority want to see will be out there in harness July 8, since established greatness must be fully as apparent to the manager as it is to the fan. Besides, since it has become more the idea to win the game than combine to produce a spectacle, the rival managers want tools of their own choosing.

However, it seems unfair to shoulder Messrs. Frisch and Cochrane, who are having their own troubles in the run-of-the-mine pennant races with the added burden of picking their all-star teams. This is where we come in. We have agreed to pick those two teams ourselves...for Frisch and Cochrane, of course...and thus save not only Frank and Mickey, but the rest of the managers as well, the in the long run, the ultimate winners thankless task of trying to please everybody. This will represent our good deed for today.

Won't Use 'Em All

Last year each all-star team consisted of five pitchers, three catchers, six outfielders. The idea was to let everybody play a spell, but such an idea has come to be subservient to the desire to win the game, the American League, for instance, utilizing only fifteen men to make it two straight over the older loop. Chicago's Jimmy Dykes, Philadelphia's Higgins, Boston's Rick Ferrell, Washington's Russell and Detroit's Bridges didn't make the line-up in '34.

On the other hand, the Nationals used everybody. Carl Hubbell, the starting hurler, retired at the end of the third with the score 4-0 in his favor. He had dazzled the 48,000 fans by striking out Ruth Gehrig, Foxx, Simmons and Cronin in order. Had Manager Bill Terry stuck to Hubbell he might have won to even the two-year-old series. You may be sure that this year Frisch will string along with a winning combine, especially on the mound, if the N. L. wants to win as badly as it would have you believe.

But to our picking, pitchers: Whitehead (Chicago), Gomez (Yankees), W. Ferrell (Red Sox), Rowe (Detroit), Harder (Cleveland); the catchers: Coch-

rane (Detroit). Foxx (Philadelphia), Hemsley (Browns); the infield: Gehrig (Yankees), Greenberg (Detroit), Werber (Red Sox), Cronin (Red Sox), Dykes (Chicago), Gehrig (Detroit), the outfield: Averill (Cleveland), Simmons (Chicago), Chapman (Yanks), West (Browns), Johnson (Athletics), and Manush (Washington).

That should take care of the American League. For the opposition we give Frisch his pick of the following...or all of 'em if he wants 'em:

The pitchers: Warneke (Chicago), Hubbell (New York), Dizzy Dean (St. Louis), Mungo (Brooklyn), Derringer (Chicago), Wilson (Philadelphia), Lopez (Brooklyn); the infield: Terry (Giants), Frisch (Cards), Vaughan (Pirates), Martin (Cards), Jurgens (Chicago), Traynor (Pirates); the outfield: Ott (Giants), Medwick (Cards), Berger (Braves), Paul Waner (Pirates), Hafey (Cincinnati), Ruth (Braves).

Ah! Some Newcomers

You'll note a few newcomers on these two unofficial outfits. One would be Whitehead with a good record. Another would be Werber. A third would be Derringer, Wilson, Jurgens, boy Rowe. A fifth would be Wes Ferrell. On the other side of the diamond would be erringer, Wilson, Jurgens, Hafey and Ruth, making their debuts as all-stars, the Babe, of course, only as a National Leaguer.

We are not quite certain that these teams will remain intact up to the game itself. We can foresee arguments; differences of opinion. I hear already "What's the matter with Dickey, Rick Ferrell, Bartell, Johnny Moore, Rip Collins, Tommy Bridges, Ted Lyons, Roy Parmelee, Hal Shumacher Paul Dean, Bill Lee, Kiki Cuyler, Chuck Klein, Bill Herman, Fred Lindstrom, Tony Lazzeri, Joe Vosmik, Guy Bush, and others?"

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